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Commissioner for Patents

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed April 19, 2006 in the above identified application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

**FEE CALCULATION**

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_ If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

	NO. CLAIMS AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		EXTRA PRESENT		RATE		ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL	23	MINUS	20	* =	3	X	(\$25 SE or \$50)	\$	150.00
INDEP.	4	MINUS	5	** =	0	X	(\$100 SE or \$200)	\$	0.00
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM						X	(\$180 SE or \$360)	\$	

\* not less than 20 \*\* not less than 3

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#### **CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST**

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

#### **SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS**

1. \_\_\_\_ If checked, an abstract (an amended abstract) is submitted herewith.
2. \_\_\_\_ If checked, amendment(s) to the drawings are submitted herewith.
3. \_\_\_\_ If checked, amendment(s) to the specification are submitted herewith.
4. X If checked, amendment(s) to the claims are submitted herewith.